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### **Senate Appropriations Committee Passes Fiscal Year 2008 State and Foreign Operations Appropriations Bill**

Full Committee Mark

Washington, D.C... The Senate Appropriations Committee today approved the Fiscal Year 2008 State and Foreign Operations Appropriations bill, which makes key investments in fighting global terror, strengthening diplomacy, and combating the global HIV/AIDS pandemic. The legislation provides \$34.24 billion in discretionary funding, which is nearly \$3 Billion above FY 2007 enacted level and \$700 million below the president's request.

There is much to remedy in advancing our nation's interests and ideals abroad, after years of serious foreign policy mismanagement and neglect,+said Sen. Patrick Leahy (D-Vt.), chairman of the Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations and Related Programs. We have worked hard to shape this bill to help match America's interests in the world, which include our security interests, our economic interests, and humanitarian relief that offers our helping hands to children, mothers and others who struggle just to live to the next day.+

America's standing in the world has suffered significant damage in recent years. This bill makes investments that strengthen not only America's image, but also our security and diplomatic power. Our nation's commitment to child survival and maternal health, fighting HIV/AIDS, and promoting economic growth in the third world demonstrate the compassion of the American people. I want to thank Chairman Leahy and the members of the subcommittee for their outstanding work on this bill,+said Senator Robert C. Byrd, D-W.Va., Chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee.

## **FY 2008 State and Foreign Operations Appropriations SUMMARY**

### **Total Discretionary Funding**

2007 Enacted: \$31.3 billion

President's Request: \$34.94 billion

**Committee Mark: \$34.24 billion**

### **DEPARTMENT OF STATE**

The Committee provides \$10.68 billion for Department of State operations, a decrease of \$40 million below the President's request and \$1.044 billion (9.78%) above the FY 07 enacted level.

### **Significant Investments**

**Contributions for International Peacekeeping Activities.** The Committee provides \$1.35 billion, an increase of \$216 million above the FY 07 enacted level and \$245 million above the President's request. These investments support peacekeeping operations across the globe, including, the Sudan, Liberia, The Democratic Republic of Congo, Ethiopia, Eritrea, Haiti, Timor-Leste, the Middle East, and Kosovo.

**Diplomatic and Consular Programs (D&CP).** The Committee provides \$4.79 billion for D&CP, which funds State Department personnel, an increase of \$481.2 million above the FY 07 enacted level and \$147 million below the President's request.

**Educational and Cultural Exchange Programs (ECE).** The Committee provides \$509.48 million for ECE, \$23.08 million above the President's request and an increase of \$63.8 million above the FY 07 enacted level for programs

**New Office Buildings.** The Committee provides \$649 million for planning, design and construction of new embassies.

### **FOREIGN OPERATIONS**

#### **Export Assistance**

**Export-Import Bank.** The Committee provides \$146 million for Export-Import Bank, including \$68 million for Export-Import Bank subsidy appropriations, the amount requested by the President, and \$41.6 million above the FY 07 enacted level. The Committee provides \$78 million for Export-Import Bank administrative expenses, an amount equal to the President's request and \$5.5 million above the FY 07 enacted level.

## **Bilateral Economic Assistance**

The Committee provides a total of \$17.3 billion for bilateral economic assistance, \$516 million below the President's request.

## **Global Health Programs, \$6.57 billion**

- **HIV/AIDS.** The Committee provides a total of \$5.09 billion to combat HIV/AIDS, an amount \$940 million above the President's request and \$2.221 billion above the FY 07 enacted level for HIV/AIDS prevention, treatment and care programs around the world.
  - **Global Fund to Fight AIDS.** The Committee provides \$590 million for the Global Fund, \$590 million above the President's request. If funds provided in the Labor-HHS bill are counted the US contribution is \$165 million above the FY 07 enacted level for AIDS, TB and Malaria prevention, treatment and care programs.
- **Child Survival and Maternal Health.** The Committee provides a total of \$476.5 million for Child Survival and Maternal Health, an increase of \$58.5 million above the President's request.
- **Family Planning.** The Committee provides a total of \$461 million from all accounts for family planning and reproductive health programs, which is \$137 million above the President's request and approximately \$20 million above the FY 07 enacted level.

**Development Assistance (DA).** The Committee provides \$1.455 billion for DA, \$413.75 million above the President's request and \$53 million below the FY 07 enacted level. The subcommittee increased funding to maintain programs at a similar level to FY 07, which the President proposed to reduce. These programs include: microenterprise development, agriculture, basic education, the environment and energy.

**International Disaster Assistance (IDA).** The Committee provides \$322 million for International Disaster Assistance, \$25 million above the President's request and \$39 million below the FY 07 enacted level to provide life-saving assistance during disasters and to avert famines.

**USAID.** The Committee provides \$645.7 million for USAID operating expenses, \$36.7 million above the President's request and \$22 million above the FY 07 enacted level to address the serious staff shortage at USAID.

**Assistance to Eastern Europe (SEED).** The Committee provides \$294.56 million for SEED, \$5.2 million above the President's request and \$20.668 million

above the FY 07 enacted level for support for young democracies, including Kosovo and Macedonia.

**Assistance for the Former Soviet Union (FSU).** The Committee provides \$401 million for former Soviet countries an increase of \$50.3 million above the President's request and \$50 million below the FY 07 enacted level for civil society assistance in Russia and Central Asia.

**Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC).** The Committee provides \$1.2 billion for the MCC, which is \$1.8 billion below the President's request and \$352.3 million below the FY 07 enacted level. The program is below the President's request because there are currently \$2.1 billion in unobligated funds. The amount in the bill is adequate to fund the four proposed new compacts in FY 08.

**Democracy Fund (DF).** The Committee provides \$177 million for the Democracy Fund, an increase of \$82.9 million above the FY 07 enacted level. This account combines funds requested by the President under different accounts into the Democracy Fund and includes \$80 million for the National Endowment for Democracy and \$97 million requested under economic support programs which will be used to strengthen democracy.

**Andean Programs (AP).** These funds were previously under the heading, %Andean Counterdrug Initiative (ACI)+. The Committee provides \$415 million for Andean Programs, a decrease of \$27.76 million from the President's request and a decrease of \$306.45 million below the FY 07 enacted level. Many programs previously funded in this account are now funded under the Economic Support funding to Latin America.

**Egypt.** The committee provides \$1.715 billion is assistance for Egypt, equal to the President's request.

### **Multilateral Assistance**

The Committee provides \$1.66 billion for multilateral economic assistance, \$127.5 million below the President's request and \$92.77 million below the FY 07 enacted level. The Committee provides \$1 billion for a U.S. contribution to the International Development Association, which is almost the full request and \$59 million above the FY 07 level.

### **OTHER PROVISIONS**

**Clean Energy Technology.** The Committee provides \$195 million for clean energy, energy efficiency and renewable energy technology programs, which is \$20 million above the FY 07 level. This program promotes the use of US energy efficiency and clean energy technology in developing countries.